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SENTENCING IN TEXAS TO MOBILE COCAINE CONSPIRACY

MOBILE, AL-- Julie Carrasquillo Bowman, a Houston, Texas resident, was sentenced today to a 24 month sentence by Senior United States District Court Judge Charles R. Butler, Jr.

Bowman entered a guilty plea to conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute cocaine. The case arose from Wayne Lafitte's January 7, 2008, arrest in Mobile and the seizure of five kilograms of cocaine. Bowman admitted that she had delivered seven kilograms of cocaine to Lafitte in Mobile on January 7, just hours before Lafitte's arrest. Bowman also admitted she was a courier for Texas resident Daron Jones. Bowman has been in custody since her February 14, 2008 arrest.

"This case, which began with one local arrest, has led to the indictment of 26 defendants, who were part of a multi-state cocaine conspiracy, and the seizure of more than \$2 million in drug proceeds," said U.S. Attorney Deborah J. Rhodes. "All of this is the result of the outstanding cooperation between the Mobile County Sheriff's Office, the Mobile Police Department, the Mobile FBI, and the FBI and DEA in Houston, Texas."

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Deborah Griffin.

United States v. Bowman, Criminal Number 08-00046.

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